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NOMENCLATURE FOR MEDICAL RECORDS

1. The following is quoted from a letter, Office of The Surgeon General, dated 30 November 1945.

"1. Attention is called to TB MED 203, 'Nomenclature and Method of Recording Diagnoses', dated 19 October 1945. This bulletin prescribes the nomenclature and method of recording diagnoses on the individual medical records (AR 40-1025) used in Army medical installations. Every medical officer caring for patients as well as every hospital registrar should have a copy of this bulletin, a copy of which is inclosed.

"2. Although the diagnostic terms listed in TB MED 203 include most of the common conditions for which personnel receive medical care certain of the less frequent conditions are not listed. The Standard Nomenclature of Disease and Operations published by the American Medical Association is the accepted authority on nomenclature. Whenever the appropriate term cannot be found in TB MED 203, the standard terminology given in this book should be used. The Standard Nomenclature of Disease and Operations has been standardized for the Army and may be ordered through the usual channels. Sufficient copies of this book for reference purposes should be available in each hospital."

2. TB MED 203 is being distributed through normal channels by the Adjutant General's Office. Additional Copies can be ordered from the Adjutant General's Office, of the appropriate Major Command.

3. The Standard Nomenclature of Disease and Operations may be ordered through the usual medical supply channels. Order number is B-180590. This book is carried in changes to equipment lists for all General Hospitals and Station Hospitals larger than 25 beds.

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